

**DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE OF  
UNECE/FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON  
FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK**

**Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 1 (Data, monitoring and assessment) and  
Work Area 2 (Policy dialogue and advice)**

**A. OBJECTIVES:**

1. Advise and support the UNECE/FAO secretariat on the methodology, implementation and follow-up of outlook studies.

**B. ACTIVITIES:**

1. Review lessons learned from the EFSOS, NAFSOS and RFFSOS processes and explore feasibility and scope of forthcoming studies.
2. Improve methodology of outlook studies.
3. Improve involvement of national expertise in reviewing outlook outcomes.
4. Disseminate information on forest sector outlook.

**C. EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:**

1. Guidance on methods, analysis and conduct of forest sector outlook studies.
2. Identification of scenarios for structural developments in the forest sector, long-term supply and demand of wood and other goods and services as well as policy impacts and implications.
3. Timeline for new outlook studies and identification of contributors and donors.
4. Research on the topic area, in support of forest sector outlook studies and other relevant support to policy making.

**D. BACKGROUND:** The ToS on Forest Sector Outlook analyses structural developments in the sector and produces studies of the long-term outlook for supply and demand for wood and the other goods and services of the forest, as a support to policy makers and analysts, as well as civil society and private sector decision makers. During the period 2008-2013, the ToS led the development of three regional outlook studies, comprising scenarios addressing main policy issues such as climate change mitigation, wood energy promotion, biodiversity preservation and industrial innovation for the period up to 2030.

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<b>METHODS OF WORK</b>	Annual meeting. To be determined by the team.
<b>REPORTING</b>	Annually, to the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management
<b>TEAM LEADERS</b>	To be elected at first Team meeting
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